Voluntary Protection Programs

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Introduction

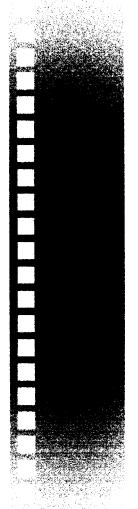
- Voluntary Programs are Voluntary Compliance
- Deriving value from effective VPP implementation



- **Voluntary Programs build trust**
- Voluntary Programs build compliance
- Voluntary Programs build Competitiveness

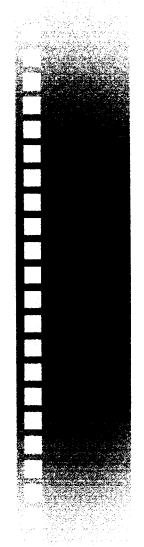


- Opens Communication
 - ◆ Inside organization with managers, supervisors and workers
 - **◆ Outside of organization with regulators**
- Workday IR 50% lower than industrial average



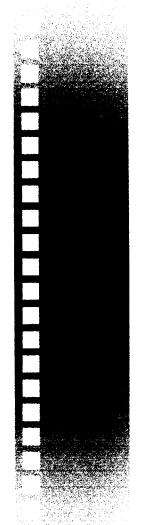
Voluntary Programs Build Compliance

- Agency representatives observe best practices in Safety & Health which then can be used as a model to share with other employers
- Best practices can be used in the development of more effective standards and policies



Voluntary Programs Build Competitiveness

- One site had an 89% reduction in workers' compensation costs
- Absenteeism dropped 25%
- Waste minimization efforts reduced waste outhaul by 45%

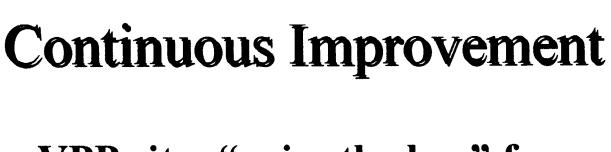


Special Government Employees

- Sites volunteer their representatives to serve as SGE's on VPP site inspections
- SGE's increases the number of people available to OSHA to serve on these reviews, reducing OSHA's costs while increasing the number of recognized models



- VPP, OSHA and the Small Business Administration have a joint program to assist small businesses in applying for participation in the Programs
- **■** Cluster mentoring



- VPP sites "raise the bar" for each inspection
- The company, contractors, employees and neighbors benefit from voluntary compliance based on performance